

Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative Strategic Plan Tracking Tool

Strategy 1: Nephrologist Leadership		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Develop & deploy nephrology feedback reports	Jun-10	IP	IP	IP															
2	Develop & deploy surgeon feedback reports	Jan-10	IP	IP	IP															
3	Develop training modules for inclusion into Nephrology Fellowship programs	Sep-11	IP	IP	IP															
4	Expand nephrologist training and continuing education programs	Ongoing	IP	IP	IP															
5	Collaborate with American Society of Nephrology to develop and provide breakout sessions during “Renal Week” on technical aspects of vascular access	Ongoing	NS	NS	NS															

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Strategy 2: Leveraging Partnerships		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Promote appropriate CKD diagnosis and referral patterns through standardized and mandatory reporting of eGFR on all patients >18 years old with every creatinine ordered.	Apr-10	IP	IP	IP															
2	Collaborate with National Kidney Disease Education Program to promote automatic reporting of GFRs < 60 in standard format on all patients >18 years old with every creatinine ordered	Apr-10	IP	IP	IP															
3	Promote standardization of calibration of creatinine results to an isotope dilution mass spectrometry reference measurement	Apr-10	IP	IP	IP															
4	In collaboration with the Laboratory Working Group review serum creatinine measurement and develop recommendations for reporting eGFR	Apr-10	IP	IP	IP															
5	Explore current practice among insurance companies to provide “notification” letters to beneficiaries when certain triggers are identified	Apr-10	NS	NS	NS															

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6	Leverage MIPPA to educate CKD patients on vascular access planning	TBD	NS	NS	NS															
7	Develop 30 – 20 – 10 GFR awareness program	Jun-10	NS	NS	NS															
8	Conduct educational sessions promoting the 30 – 20 – 10 GFR awareness campaign	Ongoing	NS	NS	NS															
9	Partner with national and regional surgical and surgical educational societies to develop training modules for inclusion into surgical fellowship programs and continuing education programs	Ongoing	NS	NS	NS															
10	Partner with National Kidney Disease Education Program and American Association of Diabetes Educators to include CKD education with diabetes education	Ongoing	IP	IP	IP															
11	Develop and deploy guidelines for vessel preservation	Ongoing	IP	IP	IP															
12	Update FFBI website educational materials	Oct-09	C/O	C/O	O															
13	Deploy Fistula First educational materials	Feb-10	IP	IP	IP															

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Strategy 3: Hospital Systems		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Develop new Change Concept to modify hospital systems	Mar-10	IP	C	C															
2	Develop and deploy CKD Stage 3 discharge toolkit for hospitals	Mar-10	IP	IP	IP															
3	Develop and deploy CKD Stages 4-5 discharge toolkit for hospitals	Mar-10	IP	IP	IP															
4	Explore hospital electronic pharmacy systems to send an alert from the pharmacist to the attending physician when certain medications are ordered that are contraindicated and/or known to be nephro-toxic	Mar-10	NS	NS	NS															

Strategy 4: Patient Self Management		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Develop and Deploy Self-Management Change Concept	Jun-10	IP	C	C															

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Strategy 5: Addressing Access Problems		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Develop and deploy a protocol to address patients who present to the outpatient facility with a CVC only	Feb-10	S	IP	IP															
2	Develop and deploy protocols for monitoring newly created AV fistula to identify those that are not maturing	Jan-10	S	IP	IP															
3	Develop and deploy protocols for routine monitoring of existing AV fistulas	Feb-10	S	IP	IP															
4	Develop and deploy protocols that list the maximum number of interventions on an existing access	Jun-10	NS	NS	NS															
5	Develop a protocol on time from vascular access placement to use	Apr-10	NS	NS	S															

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Strategy 6: Practitioner Education & Training		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Develop and deploy clinical protocols for primary care providers on when to refer patients with CKD diagnosis to the nephrologist	Jun-10	NS	NS	NS															
2	Collaborate with professional organizations to establish credentialing requirements that include initial and continuing education, and hands-on training for AV fistula placement, monitoring and care	Jun-11	NS	NS	NS															
3	Collaborate with the Society for Vascular Surgery, the American College of Surgeons, and regional surgical societies to reach the various surgical specialties at their national, regional and local meetings to offer educational sessions on FFBI	Jun-10	NS	NS	NS															
4	Develop training modules for inclusion into surgical training programs	Jun-11	NS	NS	NS															
5	Expand dialysis facility training and continuing education programs for nurses and PCTs	Feb-10	NS	NS	NS															

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6	Collaborate with the Society for Interventional Radiology and the American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology at their national, regional and local meetings to offer educational sessions on FFBI	Sep-11	NS	NS	NS															

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Strategy 7: Change Concepts		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Include new tools and resources under each existing Change Concept	Ongoing	IP	IP	IP															
2	Enhance Change Concept #6 - Develop a “Sleeves Up” QAPI for implementation at the facility level	Nov-09	S	IP	IP															
3	Enhance Change Concept #7 - Require standardized monthly review, tracking, and permanent access plan reporting of each catheter patient from the dialysis unit director and staff and publish white paper on CVCs	Nov-09	NS	NS	S															
4	Enhance Change Concept #9 - Develop a “non-maturation of AV fistula” QAPI that includes posters of good and bad scenarios for facilities	Nov-09	S	IP	IP															
5	Enhance Change Concept #5 Include vascular access vessel mapping guidelines (arterial and venous mapping)	Dec-09	NS	NS	NS															
6	Enhance Change Concept #8 - Partner with National Association of Nephrology Technologists and American Nephrology Nurses Association to leverage Conditions for Coverage requiring technician certification to include cannulation credentialing, certification, and requirements	Nov-09	NS	NS	NS															

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7	Enhance Change Concept #10 - Include Strategy 1, Tactics 2-4 Include Strategy 2, Tactics 7-9 Include Strategy 3, Tactic 1 Include Strategy 4, Tactic 1	Sep-11	NS	NS	S															
8	Enhance Change Concept #2 Include the 30-20-10 campaign into this Change Concept (See Strategy 2, Tactic 4) Include Strategy 6, Tactic 1	Ongoing	NS	NS	NS															
9	Enhance Change Concept #3 Include Strategy 6, Tactics 2-4	Jun-11	NS	NS	NS															
10	Enhance Change Concept #4 Include Strategy 6, Tactics 2-4	Jun-11	NS	NS	NS															
11	Enhance Change Concept #11 Please see Policy Recommendation 2: Assure Data Flow	TBD	IP	IP	IP															

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Policy 1: Pay for Performance		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Develop the “business case” to present to CMS showing the cost benefit of a P4P program.	Jan-10	IP	IP	IP															
2	Develop New “G” code, for Reimbursement for Education & Prevention Activities for primary care providers	TBD	NS	NS	NS															
3	Expand G code(G0365) for vessel mapping to remove the payment limitations	TBD	NS	NS	S															
4	Recommend objective imaging testing to assess fistula maturation at an early stage by duplex ultrasound. Payment for this service would require a modification of the NCD for CPT 93990 by CMS	TBD	NS	NS	NS															
5	Address length of stay pressures and the DRG system and lack of coverage for many patients without health insurance and presenting in CKD Stage 5.	TBD	NS	NS	NS															
6	Address how vessel mapping and access placement can happen prior to discharge from the hospital for these patients.	TBD	NS	S	S															

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Policy 2: Assure Data Flow		Target Completion Date	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11
1	Establish routine communications among CMS and CMS contractors with responsibilities related to FFBI. Recommendations will include those related to data elements, methods to assure accurate and reliable data, clinical quality measures, and standardized reports	Ongoing	C	C	C															
2	Develop and employ process to validate data in CROWNWeb	TBD	NS	NS	NS															
3	Assure availability of relevant vascular access clinical measures and standardized reports in CROWNWeb	Feb-10	IP	IP	IP															
4	Maintain and improve FFBI Dashboard during transition from SIMS to CROWNWeb	Feb-10	IP	IP	IP															
5	Develop and deploy vascular access surgeon profiling methodology	Jul-11	S	IP	IP															
6	Develop and deploy nephrologist profiling methodology	Jan-10	IP	IP	IP															
7	Report vascular access outcomes for AV fistula, AV Grafts, and CVCs for all Medicare providers publicly	TBD	NS	NS	NS															
8	Identify QI approaches associated with improved performance	Feb-10	NS	NS	S															
9	Conduct data-driven quality improvement	Ongoing	IP	IP	IP															
10	Analyze data at the patient level to inform improvement efforts	Dec-10	NS	NS	NS															
11	Monitor performance of ESRD Networks in achieving contractual goals	Ongoing	IP	IP	IP															

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